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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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filing a request for continued examination (RCE) under § 1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office referencing the attached references and the following explanations.

JP 3-87273 discloses a printer adapted to perform either a first sheet ejection routine or a second sheet ejection routine in accordance with a user's instruction. When the first sheet ejection routine is selected, a sheet which has been fed into the printer is ejected forward. When the second sheet ejection routine is selected, a sheet which has been fed into the printer is ejected rearward (cf., claims; page 2, from the last line of lower left column to line 18 of lower right column; page 2, from the last line of lower right column to page 3, line 11 of upper left column; page 3, from line 8 of lower left column to line 9 of lower right column, page 3, from line 16 to the last line of lower right column; page 4, from line 2 to the last line of upper left column; and Fig. 2); and teaches that it is detected that a cut sheet is fed when no sheet is detected for a prescribed time period after the detection of the trailing end of the fed sheet;

JP 5-169739A teaches that different instructions are issued by actuating a common button in different ways (cf., paragraph [0050]);

JP 11-208040A teaches that the positioning of a leading end of a rolled sheet to be fed is performed without skew removal (cf., paragraphs [0005] and [0006]);

JP 3-49236U teaches that a rolled sheet is set through the use of a hopper on which cut sheets are stacked, and the positioning of a leading end of the rolled sheet is performed while

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restricting the movement of the rolled sheet in a perpendicular direction to the sheet feeding direction by edge guides provided on the hopper; and

JP 5-162886A teaches that different instructions are issued by actuating different buttons (cf., paragraph [0011]).

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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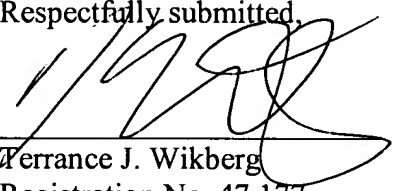
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